

East Norfolk (vc27). Brundall, 6/7 July, abundant, 9/10 July, more than 200 (no trap 7/8, 8/9 July) (A.P. Foster); Burgh Common, 7/8 July, many, singletons noted up to 25/26 July (K. Saul).

West Norfolk (vc28), Magdalen, near Kings Lynn, 10/11 July, five (no trap 6/7 or 9/10 July) C. Sheppard); Ringstead, 8/9 July, one, 9/10 July, 17, then ones and twos between 22/23 and 25/26 July; Docking, 10/11 July, four, 11/12 July, three, then singletons on 12/13 and 14/15 July; Titchwell, 6/7 July, two, and 7/8 July, two (R. Skeen).— A.P. FOSTER, c/o Nature Conservancy Council, 60 Bracondale, Norwich, Norfolk NR13 5QN.

***Eupithecia dodoneata* Guenée (Lep.: Geometridae), the Oak Tree Pug, in Co. Durham.**

A single female *E. dodoneata* was caught in the Rothamsted Insect Survey light trap at Shildon, Co. Durham (Site No. 477, O.S. grid ref. NZ 239 262) on 4.v.1990. Its identity was confirmed by examination of the genitalia. This species has not previously been recorded in Co. Durham (T.C. Dunn, pers. comm.) though it is known to be locally common in parts of Yorkshire and has been noted in the bordering Watsonian vice-counties of North-west and North-east Yorkshire (Sutton, S.L. and Beaumont, H.E. (1989). *Butterflies and Moths of Yorkshire*. Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, Doncaster).

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**A dawn flight of *Mompha propinquella* Staint. (Lep.: Momphidae) and others.**

Although dawn tends to be a time rather neglected by lepidopterists it can nevertheless be an occasion when certain species perhaps thought of as being locally scarce are in fact found to be surprisingly common. My appetite for the early hours was whetted one June morning when, at Friday Wood, Colchester, I chanced upon a number of *Telechrysis tripuncta* Haw. (Oecophoridae) flying along a mixed hedgerow in company with the Coleophorids *C. serratella* L. and an early *C. lineola* Zell.

During the hot spell in August 1990 and unable to sleep I instead enjoyed a dawn foray at High Woods, Colchester, and observed around twenty *Mompha propinquella* Staint. flying in a five-year old plantation of mixed trees, with a reasonable ground flora still evident. Previous to this I had only encountered this moth twice in the same area, once at dusk and once at light. Dawn may therefore be the favoured flight time for this species.— B. GOODEY, 298 Ipswich Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 4ET.